

## **Basic Information**

- Christmas tree permits are \$5.00 per permit
- Maximum 3 permits per household
- Permits can be purchased November 8th thru December 24th

## **Helena National Forest Offices**

- Permits are available at these locations:
- Helena Ranger District & Supervisors Office
  - Broadwater Market
  - Capital Sports & Western
  - South's Country Store

### **Helena:**

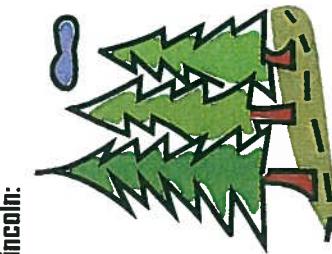
- Townsend Ranger District
- Hahn Ranch Feed & Supply

### **Townsend:**

- Lincoln Ranger District
- Grizzly Hardware

### **Lincoln:**

- Lincoln Ranger District
- Grizzly Hardware



**Supervisor's Office**  
2880 Skyway Drive  
Helena, MT 59602  
406-449-5201

### **Townsend Ranger District**

415 South Front Street  
Townsend, MT 59644  
406-266-3425

### **Helena Ranger District**

2880 Skyway Drive  
Helena, MT 59601  
406-449-5490

### **Lincoln Ranger District**

1569 Highway 200  
Lincoln, MT 59639  
406-362-7000

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[www.fs.fed.us/r1/helena](http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/helena)

# **Christmas Tree Permits**

*Seasons  
Greetings!*

## Tips for Cutting your Tree & Helping our Forest

### Safety First!

- Snow storms can arrive unexpectedly.
- Watch for weather and road condition changes.

- Be sure you are on National Forest land.

- Please cut your Christmas tree from an over crowded stand of trees in meadows
- Do not cut trees in campgrounds or in active timber sale areas.

- Please leave no more than a 6 inch stump. Remove and scatter all limbs from the portion of the tree you leave behind.



- Select a tree shorter than 12-feet tall and do not cut the tops out of larger trees.

- Do not cut within 100-feet of main roads, streams, or recreation sites.
- Securely attach your permit to your tree prior to hauling

- Tell a friend exactly where you are going and when you expect to return.
- Carry enough winter survival gear like food, blankets, water, all weather matches, and sleeping bags.

### BE ALERT!

There are many dead and dying trees that could fall at the slightest disturbance!

All of us here at the Helena National Forest wish you happy tree hunting and Happy Holidays!



## Caring for your Tree

- Upon returning home:
- Keep your tree in a 50/50 sugar/water solution. Occasionally mist your tree with water
  - Place your tree in a location away from heat vents, fireplaces & wood stoves
  - Be aware of potential fire hazards in your house and keep them away from your tree

## Recycling your Tree

Helena Transfer Station has a program to recycle your Christmas trees. The trees are taken to Canyon Ferry lake, laid on the ice and as it melts, the trees sink into the lake creating fish habitat. This service is free with a Transfer Station permit or \$7.00 if you do not have a permit. Trees are accepted as long as it is possible to drive on the ice at the lake. For more information call 447-8084.